

Tobacco

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

MPL/lr

5 November 1945

AC/670/22/Tn.3

SUBJECT : Slow rate of loading of tobacco on "Rimucci"
at Gallipoli.TO : Co-Ge-Ma (Itmare)
Via Postaxi 3 - Roma1/ Attached is copy of report from Capitano di Porto
at Gallipoli.2. The reasons for the slow rate of loading were due
to the entire cargo not being available at the port when the --
vessel arrived and the shortage of transport to move the tobacco
already in warehouse to the ship's side. 81183. The port of Gallipoli is not entirely satisfactory
for certain cargoes and no action should be taken to move the
200 tons bid for month of November to Venice until improved
facilities are available. Failing this, an alternative port
will have to be considered, otherwise delays will occur and
heavy demurrage charges will have to be met in order to move
these cargoes.4. For your information the tonnages loaded were as
follows : -

17 Oct. - Arrived Gallipoli	23 Oct. - loaded 60 tons
18 " - loaded 50 tons	24 " - " 70 "
19 " - " 30 "	25 " - " 60 "
20 " - " 60	26 " - " 60 "
22 " - Nil (Sunday)	27 " - " 100 "
22 " - loaded 60 tons	28 " - " Sailed <u>Total 550</u>
	<u>Tons</u>

For the Director :


W.P. LAKEMAN
Major, R.E.
Copy: MWT(R) Naples
for Zone 3 Committee UMAIndustry SC
(AC/5622/IND of 1 Nov.ref)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

GR/dg

Tel. 478509

1 November 1945

Ref. AC/5622/IND

SUBJECT : Loading of tobacco at Gallipoli.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn.: Maj. Laraman)

1. Reference your AC/670/20/Tn 3 dated 22 October 45.
2. Upon urgent request of this Sub-Commission the General Management of the State Monopoly sent an Inspector by air to Gallipoli in order to investigate the reasons for the slow loading of SS "Rinucci".
3. Attached is copy of a statement from the Ufficio Circondariale Marittimo of Gallipoli dated 27 October 45 and of a statement from the State Monopoly dated 29 October 45.
4. From these you will learn that the low daily loading rates were due to insufficient local loading facilities and to the failure to allocate 30 railtrucks by the Transportation Officer of Bari. The 30 wagons would have rendered possible the raising of the daily loading rate to 100 tons. The 3 trucks sent from Rome to Gallipoli improved the situation but were insufficient to solve the problem.
5. It can be stated that the reports from the Ministry of Marine saying that the slow loading was due to lack of tobacco were not correct, as 437 tons were available on the arrival of the ship and with the 30 trucks the stock would have reached about 650 tons.
6. The foregoing reveals the necessity for smaller vessels of about 500-600 tons being allocated monthly for the

transportation of tobacco, which item is urgently needed by the tobacco factories located in the North.

2 Incls.:
Copies as per para
3 above.

Copy to:
Direz.Gen.Monopoli di
Stato
Economic Section.


CHARLES FEWINGS
Major RASC

for A.H. SULLIVAN
Director,
Industry & Commerce Division
Economic Section

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REGIA MARINA

UFFICIO CIRCONDARIALE MARITTIMO
GALLIPOLI

Gallipoli 27/10/45

ARGOMENTO : Appunto per Transportation A.C. - Roma.

In merito alla scarsa resa del carico sul piroscafo RINUCCI si fanno presenti le seguenti cause che l'hanno determinata:

- 1° Mancanza di mezzi di trasporto da Magazzino a banchina (carri);
- 2° Interpellato più volte il locale Magazziniere Sig. D'Ambrosio questi, ha fatto presente che non è stato possibile aumentare il numero dei carretti dato che i proprietari preferiscono l'ingaggio per trasporto vino in quanto più remunerativo. Una requisizione di tali mezzi sarebbe stata praticamente impossibile.
- 3° I vagoni ^{che} erano attesi, in numero di 30, da Lecce cosa che avrebbe risolto il problema della carica, non sono giunti tranne due carri arrivati il 26 corrente quando il carico era pressoché ultimato.

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IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE DEL PORTO
(Manlio Giammarini)

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DIREZIONE GENERALE MONOPOLI DI STATO

APPUNTO PER IL COMANDO ALLEATO

CARICAZIONE P.fo "RINUCCI"

All'arrivo del P.fo "Rinucci" erano pronte a Gallipoli Tonn. 437 di tabacco.

La capacità di estrazione di quel Magazzino è normalmente di Tonn. 70 dato che il trasporto dal magazzino stesso a banchina può essere effettuato, sia per l'ubicazione dei locali, sia per l'impossibilità di adoperare automezzi, soltanto con carretti. Ma nelle attuali circostanze quel Magazzino non è riuscito ad ingaggiare un numero di carretti sufficiente per raggiungere il suddetto quantitativo poichè i proprietari hanno interesse di utilizzarli per trasporti del vino di produzione locale di gran lunga più remunerativi.

In previsione di ciò la Manifattura Tabacchi di Lecce, che amministra il suaccennato Magazzino, aveva preso precisi accordi con il Comando Alleato di Bari affinchè alla partenza del "Rinucci" da Palermo fossero assegnati a Lecce 30 vagoni di tabacchi coi quali la caricazione avrebbe raggiunto agevolmente la rata di 100 Tonn. al giorno.

Malgrado le continue pressanti insistenze della Manifattura e le assicurazioni date i vagoni non furono concessi, tranne due giunti a Gallipoli sul binario raccordato con la banchina il giorno 26 corr., quando l'imbarco era pressochè ultimato.

Il lavoro di trasporto dal Magazzino a banchina fu anticipato e posticipato rispetto all'orario normale di lavoro. Per quanto riguarda il lavoro notturno occorre tener presente che il porto è sprovvisto di luce e che la nave non aveva la possibilità di fornire l'energia di cui essa dispone perchè non adatta al voltaggio delle lampade che la Manifattura avrebbe potuto fornire.

In ogni modo il lavoro dopo il tramonto (massimo 17,30) è stato, come si è detto, spinto al massimo sebbene si siano verificati tre incidenti di una certa gravità durante l'esecuzione delle operazioni di imbarco svoltesi al buio.

E' anche da tener presente che, per mancanza di involture, le ballette di tabacco debbono essere maneggiate con la massima cautela ad evitare dispersioni.

Il mancato arrivo dei 30 vagoni richiesti + giusta come dichiara la Capitaneria di Porto di Gallipoli - non ha consentito una caricazione corrispondente al programma già fissato da questa Amministrazione; tuttavia il giorno 21 fu disposto l'invio da Roma a Lecce di tre autotreni coi quali è stato possibile fornire altre 85 Tonn. circa di tabacco direttamente sottobordo.

A Lecce non si trovano automezzi da adibire a tali trasporti. Comunque la nave non ha potuto negli ultimi giorni raggiungere la rata giornaliera di 100 Tonn. dato che le prime tre stive erano ormai già complete.

La capacità della nave ha consentito di caricare Tonn. 538,787. I tabacchi disponibili a Gallipoli hanno raggiunto il quantitativo complessivo di Tonn. 600 circa.

Si unisce la chiesta dichiarazione della Capitaneria di Porto di Gallipoli.

29 Ottobre 1945

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

MEL/21

O/579/50/723

22 October 1945

SUBJECT: Loading of Tobacco at Gallipoli

TO: Ministry S/C.

1. The rate of loading of "Ginooi" at Gallipoli is unsatisfactory. The vessel arrived on 17 October and during the 2 subsequent days loaded the following tonnages:

19 Oct.	50	Tons.
19 Oct.	30	"
20 Oct.	60	
	140	Tons.

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It is not expected that the vessel worked on Sunday, 21

Oct.

2. This vessel was allocated for 600 tons of tobacco and this rate of loading is not accepted. Please investigate the reasons for this, since, even allowing for the bulk of the cargo, at least 120 tons should be loaded daily. Unless there is an immediate improvement the vessel will have to be sailed light or given another suitable cargo.

3. A bid has been received for 500 tons of tobacco from Gallipoli to Venice for November. Unless an assurance can be given of quicker loading this bid will have to be cancelled, as the United Maritime Authority would not accept such a delay to shipping.

For the Director:

L. H. Anderson
Major S.C.

1. The rate of loading of "Primacoi" at Callipoli is unsatisfactory. The vessel arrived on 17 October and during the 3 subsequent days loaded the following tonnage:

Date	Tons
18 Oct.	50
19 Oct.	50
20 Oct.	60
Total	140

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It is not expected that the vessel worked on Sunday, 21 Oct.

2. This vessel was allocated for 500 tons of tobacco and this rate of loading is not accepted. Please investigate the reasons for this, since, even allowing for the bulk of the cargo, at least 100 tons should be loaded daily. Unless there is an immediate improvement the vessel will have to be sailed light or given another suitable cargo.

3. A bid has been received for 300 tons of tobacco from Callipoli to Venice for November. Unless an assurance can be given of quicker loading this bid will have to be cancelled, as the United Maritime Authority would not accept such a delay to shipping.

For the Director:

L. J. LARSEN
Major R.N.

Copy to: MMT (R) Naples for UNIA
zone 3 Committee
Ministry of Marine
(Attn. Col. Lauricella.)

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HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY ALCOM BARI (ACTION) ALCOM PLO
 PIONBINO ALCOM PLO VENICE WITH NAPLES FOR ZONE 3 COMMITTEE
 ROUTINERY

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1 OCTOBER 45

CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES :- ALCOM PLO BRINDISI (INFO)

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD ALCOMB FIVE FOUR NINE EIGHT DATED ONE SEVEN SEPTEMBER NOT
 TO ALL ^{PD} SINUCCI WILL NOW DISCHARGE PYRITES AT PALERMO ETA FOUR
 OCTOBER PD

PARA TWO HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY TO ALCOM BARI FOR FRANCE FOR
ORDER FOR ACTION TO ALCOM PLO PIONBINO TO ALCOM PLO VENICE
TO WITH NAPLES FOR ZONE THREE COMMITTEE TO ALCOM PLO BRINDISI FOR
INFO FROM RE ALCOM SIDE ACCT PD

ON COMPLETION DISCHARGE VESSEL WILL PROCEED GALLIFOLI ETA ONE TWO
 OCTOBER AND LOAD TO CAPACITY APPROX SIX FIVE ZERO TONS TOBACCO
 FOR DISCHARGE VENICE PD ACCOUNT MONTELLI DI STATO PD

COPY to :-

INDUSTRY S/O
 PORTS & WKS
 ITMARK
 SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE
 MET BOMB
 MINISTRY OF MARINE

TRANSPORTATION S/O

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J.G. LEONE
 CWO USA
 Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

GN/ag

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tel. 478509

4 September 1945

Ref. AC/5622/IND

SUBJECT : Transportation of raw Tobacco
from Gallipoli to Venice

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn.: Shipping Branch - Capt. Sweet)

1. Reference attached copy with translation of letter 09-5114 dated 31 August 45 from the State Monopoly, as well as conversation Capt. - Sweet - Mr. Richter on 1 Sept. 45.

2. It has been noted, with thanks, that you will make efforts with a view of obtaining allocation within September of a suitable ship for the transport of raw tobacco from Gallipoli to Venice.

3. It is pointed out that besides the outstanding 400 tons further 200 tons will have to be shipped monthly until the end of 1945 from Gallipoli to Venice in order to ensure the necessary supply of tobacco to the factories located in the North.

4. A bid in duplicate relative to the other quantity is attached herewith.

5. Your advice of action taken on the matter will be appreciated. 8110

Incls.

As per para 1 above

Bids as per para 4 above

Copy to :

Dir. Gen. Monopoli di Stato
Economic Section

for

CHARLES FEWINGS
Major RASC

A.H. GLENDINNING
Colonel
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION GB/1r

ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER IL COMMERCIO ESTERO

REF. 1525

Palermo 3 Sept. 45
Via Bari, 8

SUBJECT : Commodities ready to be shipped.

We inform you that in the warehouses of the
"Manifattura Tabacchi" of Palermo are stored 41 cases,
weighting 94.500 kilos each; total weight 3,745 kilos of snuff.
Please give instructions for their shipment.

Best regards.

ICE OFFICE
sgd Dr. Algonso De Vita

TO : War Shipping Administration
Tagliavia Maritime Agency Palermo.

Copy to : Hq. Transportation SC - Rome
Hq. Commerces SC - Rome
Institute of Foreign Trade - Rome

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ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER IL COMMERCIO ESTERO

N. 1525
DA CIPARI NELLA RIBONDA

Palermo, 3 Settembre 1945
Via Bari, 8

OGGETTO: Merci giacenti pronte per l'imbarco.

Si comunica che presso i magazzini della R. Manifattura Tabacchi di Palermo sono giacenti 41 casse del peso unitario di Kgr. 94.500 in totale Kgr. 3.745 netto di tabacco da fiuto, prego voler disporre per l'imbarco.

Distinti saluti

UFFICIO I.C.E.
(Dr. Alfonso De Vita)

War Shipping Administration
Agenzia Marittima Tagliavia
PALERMO

e p.c.
H.Q. Transportation S/O - ROMA
H.Q. Commerce S/O - ROMA
Istituto Commercio Estero-ROMA

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Hq. Commerces SC - Rome
Institute of Foreign Trade - Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Ref. : AG/670/14/Tn 3

11 July 1945

SUBJECT : Shipments of Snuff Tobacco.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission, Foreign
Trade Division.

1. Reference your letter AG/5127/38 A/Commerce
dated 9 July 1945.

2. It is confirmed that consignments for export
to U.S.A. from Sicily will have to be transhipped to
Naples for shipment.

3. You will obtain advice of freight rates etc.,
through I.C.E.

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For the Director :

M.P. Laraman
M.P. LARAMAN,
Major R.E.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Foreign Trade Division

Tels: 478900
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WWH/VM/lg

9 July 1945

Ref. AC/5127/38 A/Commerce

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SUBJECT: Shipments of Snuff Tobacco

TO : ☒ Transportation S/C, Movement Division

1. 40 tons Snuff Tobacco, packed in wooden cases, will soon be ready at Palermo for shipment to U.S., in one or more consignments.

2. We understand that the goods have to be ⁸⁴⁻⁰⁵ shipped at Naples.

3. Please confirm and advise rate of freight and covering charges from f.o.b. Palermo to f.o.b. Naples, taking into account two weeks' storage at Naples.

4. We have to send an urgent signal to Washington, based on above information, and your earliest attention will be appreciated.

H.A. GENT

H.A. GENT
Major I.C.

Director
Commerce Subcommission

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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Ref. : AO/670/12/Pn 3

13 June 1945

SUBJECT : Bid 500 tons Tobacco Gallipoli to Venice.

TO : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. The above bid has been accepted for shipment to Venice during the maintenance period 5-14th July.

2. Ship or ships will be nominated in due course, but meantime it is requested that the material is stockpiled at Gallipoli ready for immediate shipment.

For the Director :

8104


G.B. GODFREY,
Major I.R.

Copy to : A.C. Senior Tn. Officer, Bari.
A.C. Venezia Region.
A.C. Port Liaison Officer, Venice.
(c/o 36 Area)



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HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY ALCON SICILY ICE PALMER
 MEDICAL SQUADRON CONTROL HAPLES ALCON HAPLES PENSACOLA
 VLSA 14 JUNE MAY 66 PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD REPHRASED BY SIGNAL SEVEN FIVE SIX SEVEN ONE ONE FOUR MAY
 NOT TO ALL PD

PARA TWO HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY TO ALCON SICILY FOR LYNCH TO ICE
PALMER TO MEDICAL SQUADRON CONTROL HAPLES TO ALCON HAPLES FOR CROCK
TO PENSACOLA FROM ICE NO ALCON CITE ASSET 7-1-66

ICE CHARLES BABY PALMER REPHRASED FIVE THREE THREE ONE SEVEN MAY PD
 SHIP FOUR FOUR SEVEN PD CAMPBELL FOR SHIPMENT FROM HAPLES

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COPY TO : ICE HOME
 COM PROC 9/9
 FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION

Original in 602/103
 TRANSPORTATION SO

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NICHOLAS FLORES
 CTS U.S.A.
 Adjutant Gen.

602/103
 670/103

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AMC 304
Transportation Sub-Commission

9. Hg/mip

Ref. : AG/670/9/TN 3

26 April 1945

SUBJECT : Tobacco Trade on Gallipoli.

TO : C-4 (WFO TN) A.P.M.S.

1. Please cancel our old rer and movement in the period 27 March-5th of April for 250 tons tobacco Gallipoli-Tatavias and 30 tons Gallipoli-Tatavias.

2. Attached is copy of translation of a letter received from the Consulate at S. in which they state that the material has already been lifted by the "CHRONO" which was allocated to them by the Italian Ministry of Marine.

3. This matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Marine to avoid a recurrence of this nature.

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For the Chief Commissioner :

[Signature]
A.B. GOSNEY,
Major I.M.

Copy to : Shipping Sub-Commission.
Rebo Tobacco Control, Naples.
(Attn. Mr. Brooks).

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TRANSLATION

State Monopoly Administration
General Management

Transportation office

Ref: 09 - 1005

Rome 24 April 1945

To: Allied Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
Rome

Subject: Shipments of raw-tobacco from Gallipoli to Sicily.

Reference to the request submitted by the Commerce Sub-Commission, we inform you that according to inquiries it resulted that:

The steamer "Ghera" was allocated to the Lecce Tobacco Manufacture by the Ministry of Marine. The ship arrived at Gallipoli on March the 29th. She embarked 315 tons of tobacco for Catania and 115 tons for Palermo. She left Gallipoli the 18th of April.

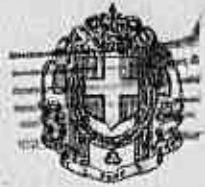
Having shipped the mentioned quantities of tobacco, we still must despatch to Catania nearly 84 tons.

We will submit the prescribed application.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR
(sgd. illeggibile)

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815 PSE Mnd. INDIRIZZO TELEGRAPHICO IND - TELEFONO: 580845 582128 582537 582597

Roma addi. 24 APR 1946 19 Anno

*Amministrazione
dei Monopoli di Stato*
DIREZIONE GENERALE

*A.A.C. TRANSPORTATION
SUB-COMMISSION*
Commissione Alleata
R O M A

*Servizio Uff. Trasporti
Prot. N. 20-1905 Allegati*

*Risposta al foglio del
Dir. Sex. N.°*

OGGETTO : Trasporto tabacchi greggi da Gallipoli per la Sicilia.

In relazione alla richiesta fattaci dalla Sottocommissione Commercio comunichiamo che, da informazioni assunte è risultato quanto segue:

Il piroscafo "Cherso" venne assegnato alla Manifattura Tabacchi di Lecce dal Ministero della Marina. La nave giunse a Gallipoli il 29 Marzo. Caricò 315 tonn. circa di tabacco per Catania e 115 tonn. circa per Palermo.-

Partì da Gallipoli il 18 corr. - 8100

Con l'avvenuto imbarco dei suddetti quantitativi di tabacco rimangono da spedire altre 84 tonn. circa destinate a Catania. Presenteremo la richiesta relativa.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

L. 10. 10. 1946. Il Direttore del Servizio e l'Ufficio quindi a cui si riferisce.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Our ref. : AC/670/8/ Tn 3

9 April 1945

SUBJECT : Italian owned Tobacco in Bulgaria
and Greece.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Referring to this office letter AC/670/
6/Tn 3 dated 29 March 45 addressed to G-4 (Nov &
Tn) A.F.H.Q., copy to you.

2. The following reply has now been received
from G-4 (Nov & Tn) dated 6 April 45 :

"It is not anticipated that there will be
any difficulty in arranging shipment of this commo-
dity from either SALONIKA or KAVALLA to the Italian
Mainland providing all formalities have been completed
and the tonnage accepted for shipment at the Shipping
Priority of Movement Meeting. 8.99

The legal Adviser G-5, has requested that
"before putting in a formal shipping bid the Italian
Government should satisfy A.C. that the export has
received or will receive approval by the necessary
authorities including A.C.C. BULGARIA in the case of
exports out of BULGARIA"

For the Chief Commissioner :

M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director.

Copy to : Economic Section.

Subject:- Italian Owned Tobacco
in BULGARIA & GREECE.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4 (MOV & TN) 5/86/4/GDM

6 Apr 45

Tel: FREEDOM 302

To :- H.Q. Allied Commission,
Tn Sub-Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

Reference your AG/670/6/TN3 dated 29 Mar.

1. It is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in arranging shipment of this commodity from either SALONIKA or KAVALLA to the Italian Mainland providing all formalities have been completed and the tonnage accepted for shipment at the Shipping Priority of Movement Meeting.

2. The Legal Advisor, G-5, has requested that "before putting in a formal shipping bid the Italian Government should satisfy A.C. that the export has received or will receive approval by the necessary authorities including A.C.C. BULGARIA in the case of exports out of BULGARIA."

G. Sweet
G. SWEET, Capt.,
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn).

GS/DWC

Copy to : G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AC/670/6/Tn.3

29 March 1945

SUBJECT : Italian owned Tobacco in Bulgaria and Greece.
TO : G-4 (Mov and Tn) A.P.H.Q.

1. A request has been received from Finance Sub-Comm. for shipping space for about 500 metric tons deadweight of raw tobacco leaf from Salonika or Cavalla to any port on the Italian Mainland.

2. A formal bid cannot be put in until replies are received to enquiries now being made through diplomatic channels (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister in Sofia) to ascertain precise information as to the gross weight, number and type of packages, port of loading and the date on which the tobacco can be assembled ready for shipment.

3. Please let us have your views on the possibilities of making this shipment subject to a firm bid. 8.87

For the Chief Commissioner:

M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

Copy to : Economic Section
Finance Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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22 March 1945.

SUBJECT : Italian Owned Tobacco in Bulgaria and Greece.

TO : Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attention -Shipping Divn.)

1. The Italian State Monopoly owns raw leaf tobacco in Bulgaria and Greece, as follows :-

NET APPROX. WEIGHT
METRIC TONS.

At KASARSKO (PLOVDIV) Bulgaria	110
" CAVALLA (Macedonia)	330
" XANTI	260
Total	700 m. tons.

This tobacco is in the charge of the Italian Monopoly Agency at PLOVDIV. (Azienda Tabacchi Italiana-Agenzia d'Oriente del Monopolio Italiano).

A portion of the tobacco is to be sold on the spot to defray all expenses. It is desired to bring the balance to Italy.

2. This is a preliminary inquiry to ascertain whether shipping space could be allotted for shipment of approximately 600 m. tons deadweight from either Salonica or Cavalla to any port on the Italian mainland. 8.36

3. A formal bid cannot be put in until replies are received to enquiries now being made through diplomatic channels (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister in Sofia) to ascertain precise information as to the gross weight, number and type of packages, port of loading and the date on which the tobacco can be assembled ready for shipment.

4. The Italian State Tobacco Monopoly produces a very substantial portion of the State Revenue. There is a serious shortage of raw leaf tobacco in Italy and a complete lack of the oriental types held in the Balkans. If the latter can be brought here the revenue would gain appreciably and the present acute shortage of cigarettes, which has resulted in a strong black market in Allied cigarettes, would be somewhat relieved.

5. The freight would be charged against the Italian Government.

6. Correspondence relating to this matter is attached for information.

" CAVALLIA (Macedonia)
" " KANTU

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Total

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2. This is a preliminary inquiry to ascertain whether shipping space could be allotted for shipment of approximately 600 m. tons deadweight from either Salonica or Cavalla to any port on the Italian mainland. 8/2/46

3. A formal bid cannot be put in until replies are received to enquiries now being made through diplomatic channels (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Minister in Sofia) to ascertain precise information as to the gross weight, number and type of packages, port of loading and the date on which the tobacco can be assembled ready for shipment.

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5. The freight would be charged against the Italian Government.

6. Correspondence relating to this matter is attached for information. It is pointed out that there is now no question of the use of existing Italian foreign assets as all expenses arising in Bulgaria and Greece will be met by the local sale of a portion of the tobacco. The only question for Allied decision is that of the allocation of shipping space.

Copy to Economic Section.

for BE
Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission.

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INFO - ACTION

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Subject is this Office FX71567 not to all. Owing to schooner ANGIOLINA H having broken down, the following action will be taken to cover commitments:

1. Schooners NUOVA ITALIA at present o/p GALLIPOLI/BARI and ENRICO II completing repairs 10th January will load cargo ex ANGIOLINA H at BRINDISI for discharge GALLIPOLI.

2. Tobacco ex GALLIPOLI for discharge CATANIA will now be lifted on schooners IDA C ENRICO II and NUOVA ITALIA. All schooners to load to capacity and tonnage lift to be notified to this office earliest. All cargoes are account AC.

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INFO: A/President
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14/12/44

TOBACCO. On 4th . Dec. Commerce S/C (Tobacco Div.) asked about the position of their bids, and were informed after telephoning Naples that the quantity bidden for on 22nd. Nov., the date on which we received the bids and on which the bids were sent to Naples, was too much for the schooners according to Capt. Smith, and that the bids would have to go through AFHQ and it would take a month at least. The bids were accepted for the period 27 Dec.- 5 Jany.

It was arranged that Commerce S/C should put in an emergency bid Gallipoli to Palermo, to keep going till the larger quantities could arrive. The bid, dated 6th. Dec. was put in unsigned; it was returned, and finally given back to us on 7 Dec., on which day it was sent to Naples with a covering letter indicating the emergency. We telephoned to Capt. Smith this morning, Thursday 14 Dec. and he tells us that he received the bid only yesterday Wednesday, 13th. Dec.

He has no schooners available, and anyhow it will take four or five small schooners to lift the tobacco. As soon as he has a schooner in position he will give absolute precedence to the tobacco.

Capt. Smith desires to remind the Tobacco Div. that about two months ago a schooner went to Gallipoli and found no tobacco.

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John Bates Recd Naples for Byline about 14th
with 50 tons

Tel. 478397
Ref. AC/5136/Commerce

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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION, HQ AC, APO 394, 14 December 1944.

TO: Transportation S/C Shipping Division
(Attn.:Mr. Crooks).

1. The Note of Transportation S/C, Shipping Division of 14/12/44 refers.

2. As the quantities bid on 22 Sept. were considered too large for available schooner capacity, it would have been reasonable to reduce the quantities to the half or even to less, instead of rejecting them at all.

3. Prior to 22 Sept., and exactly on 28 Sept., Monopoly requested shipment of following quantities during October:

from Naples to Cagliari	50 tons
" Gallipoli to Palermo	30 "
" " " Catania	60 " .

Not one of these bids has been accepted.

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4. The postponement of shipments to the period 27 December-4 Jan.- the accepted quantities are thus far unknown by Commerce S/C.-may result in the Palermo and Catania factories being obliged to cease work.

5. The emergency bid of 6 Dec. has been forwarded to Transportation S/C on 7 December and not on 10 December (see letter AC/5136/Commerce of 7 Dec.)

6. It is not understood why the schooner concerned did not find tobacco at Gallipoli for loading. Commerce S/C was not informed to this effect, but only that the master could not find the warehouse at Gallipoli. These two facts should not be confused.

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